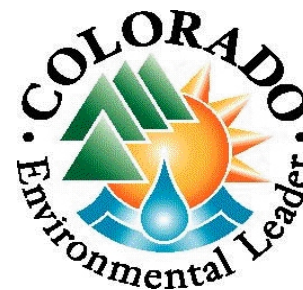




Program Criteria Comparison

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK and COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



National Environmental Performance Track and the Colorado Environmental Leadership Program are voluntary programs designed to foster and reward environmental excellence. Performance Track is a national EPA program and Colorado Environmental Leadership Program is a statewide Department of Public Health and Environment program. This fact sheet summarizes and compares criteria for the Performance Track Program and the Gold level of the Colorado Environmental Leadership Program (the program has two levels: Gold and Silver). For additional information on these programs or incentives, see program web sites or contact program coordinators.

Common Program Criteria:

- *EMS Components:* Common elements include: an EMS with a written policy, planned targets and goals, clear roles and responsibilities for meeting goals, plans for checking and correcting non-conformance issues, and documented management review.
- *EMS Self-Assessment:* Facility must conduct regular EMS self-assessments and compliance audits and report results to the public.
- *EMS Independent Assessment:* An independent EMS assessment is to have taken place at the time of application.
- *EMS Cycle:* Facility must have completed one full EMS cycle including implementation, evaluation, and review.
- *Past Performance:* Facility must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators. Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Future Performance:* Facility must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories. Commitments must be reported in a standard format and performance for most commitments must be normalized.
- *Annual Report:* Report must include EMS data and progress toward meeting goals.
- *Community Outreach:* Facility must provide a plan to identify and respond to local concerns and inform community of important matters that affect it.
- *Compliance Record:* Facility must pass a comprehensive compliance screen covering federal, state, and local regulations.
- *Self-Certification:* Senior facility manager must certify that all statements in application and annual reports are true, accurate, and complete.
- *Membership Term:* Membership is for three years.

Colorado Environmental Leadership Program - Gold Level - Additional Criteria:

- *Past Performance:* Small facilities must demonstrate performance improvements for two environmental indicators (fewer improvements can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis).
- *Future Performance:* Small facilities must make a commitment to future performance improvements for four environmental indicators from at least two unique categories (fewer improvements can be negotiated on a case-by-case basis).

Performance Track - Additional Criteria:

- *Site Visits:* Periodic site visits are conducted as part of the program.

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